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ATTRIBUTES FOUNDRY REJECTS TO OFFICIAL INCOMPETENCE  
AND USE OF SOVIET STEEL

Due to incompetent officials and indifference on the part of the workers, the quality of foundry products of the Dairen Railroad Shops continues to drop, resulting in huge losses. The foundry superintendent's office quoted the following astonishing record of the past 4 months:

Rejects in December 1949 amounted to 25.2 percent of the total production; this increased to 33.5 percent in January 1950, decreased slightly to 28.9 percent in February, and increased again to 32.7 percent in March. With regard to production of chilled-steel wheels, the principal product of this foundry, rejects in December 1949 were 31.5 percent of the total production. Rejects increased in January 1950 to 47 percent, decreased to 41.4 percent in February, but increased again in March to a high of 60 percent of the total production. During the 10 days between 17 - 27 March, only 80 out of the 800 wheels produced met the specifications and passed the various tests; more than 700 failed to pass the heat-resistance test and were therefore rejected.

One reason for these rejects is the inferior quality of the steel, steel which was produced in the USSR. Another is that the exact ingredients of the steel have not so far been determined as each analysis shows different results. But the main reason, doubtless is the incompetence of the officials to determine and correct, by scientific research and study, the cause of rejects and to improve the quality of products. Furthermore, most officials are not only incapable of carrying out their duties but they evade responsibility by passing it on to someone else. The head of the foundry section says that the cause of rejects is due to the inferior quality of steel, and the head of the material section retorts that the quality of steel has no connection with the number of rejected products.

Part of the responsibility for this unbelievable number of rejects falls upon the workers, and their carelessness and indifferent attitude; however, on the other hand, the officials are neither concerned about the situation nor do they try to educate the workers to correct their attitude or to assume responsibility.

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